

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

detecting an unbalanced quality of [[a]] power control signals simultaneously received at a plurality of base station transceivers from a wireless device;

increasing a target signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) for at least one of the plurality of base station transceivers when the quality of at least one of the power control signals for the at least one of the plurality of base station transceivers is below a predefined target signal quality;

increasing a pilot channel transmit power level of a pilot channel transmitted by the wireless device in response to the at least one of the plurality of base station transceivers; and

decreasing a power gain of other channels transmitted by the wireless device in relation to an increased transmit power level of the pilot channel of the wireless device providing that the quality of the received power control signal is below a predefined target signal quality.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is equal to an amount by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is more than an amount by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the wireless device is in soft handoff.

33. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

means for detecting an unbalanced quality of [[a]] power control signals simultaneously received at a plurality of base station transceivers from a wireless device;

means for increasing a target signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) for at least one of the plurality of base station transceivers when the quality of at least one of the power control signals for the at least one of the plurality of base station transceivers is below a predefined target signal quality;

means for increasing a pilot channel transmit power level of a pilot channel transmitted by the wireless device in response to the at least one of the plurality of base station transceivers; and

means for decreasing a power gain of other channels transmitted by the wireless device in relation to an increased transmit power level of the pilot channel of the wireless device providing that the quality of the received power control signal is below a predefined target signal quality.

34. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is equal to an amount by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.

35. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is more than an amount by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.

36. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the wireless device is in soft handoff.

37. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium ~~media~~ embodying executable instructions for a method, comprising:

detecting an unbalanced quality of [[a]] power control signals simultaneously received at a plurality of base station transceivers from a wireless device;

increasing a target signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) for at least one of the plurality of base station transceivers when the quality of at least one of the power control signals for the at least one of the plurality of base station transceivers is below a predefined target signal quality;

increasing a pilot channel transmit power level of a pilot channel transmitted by the wireless device in response to the at least one of the plurality of base station transceivers; and

decreasing a power gain of other channels transmitted by the wireless device in relation to an increased transmit power level of the pilot channel of the wireless device providing that the quality of the received power control signal is below a predefined target signal quality.

38. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium method of claim 37, wherein the power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is equal to an amount by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.

39. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium method of claim 37, wherein the power gain of other channels in relation to the pilot channel is decreased by an amount that is more than an amount by which the pilot channel transmit power level is increased.

40. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium method of claim 37, wherein the wireless device is in soft handoff.